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to all the FCC Commissioners:

I am really disturbed about the proposal that chairman Powell is promoting concerning local telephone service. My concern stems from the fact that I am a consumer who has NO choice in local telephone service in the state of Colorado. What is wrong with this picture?

QWEST rules in my area of the country. If you don't have QWEST, you don't have local telephone service. It's as simple as that. Many people in Colorado do not have Internet service as well, so that leaves a lot of people in search of fair market prices along with a local services choice and not finding any!!

I am surprised at Mr. Powell's proposal. It would seem to me that either Mr. Powell is REWARDING those companies, such as SBC, QWEST, and Verizon, for fraudently duping their consumers, or he might be experiencing a "conflict of interest", or he just doesn't care about the consumer at all!

It is a PROVEN fact that SBC made a profit last year, despite the millions of dollars in fines they had to pay for **breaking** the law! And, now QWEST is admitting another **increase** in the amount that they want to write off as dishonest reporting of shareholder value. In the meantime, who will be the one stuck with any of these companies' monetary obligations? The consumer! And, this consumer doesn't have a choice right now in any of the states that the Big three **Bells** hold court.

I ask that you let the Telecommunications Act of 1996 fulfill its mission - that of providing cost-effective service and choice to the consumer. Do not let the rhetoric of the **Bells** serve as the focal point of future legislation. Let the voice of the consumer be heard!

Respectfully submitted,

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